

GRANT APPLICATION SUBMISSION FOR THE MAGIC JOHNSON PARK SHADE EQUITY TREE PLANTING PROJECT

The Magic Johnson Park Shade Equity Tree Planting Project (Project), located at 905 East El Segundo Boulevard in unincorporated Willowbrook, is a multi-benefit urban greening and shade equity project that will enhance the Earvin "Magic" Johnson Recreation Area (EMJ Park) and expand tree canopy coverage by planting approximately 118 new trees, installing an irrigation system, and amending and reseeding any areas impacted by the scope of the Project. The Project is in a High Need Community as identified in the Los Angeles Countywide 2016 Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment, and suffers from a severe lack of shade. Once completed, the Project will reduce greenhouse gas emissions while helping to bring shade equity to the community. Other critical benefits include increased tree canopy, reduced urban heat island effect, reduced air and water pollution, improved mental and physical health, and increased access to green space.

The estimated total Project cost is \$560,000. The Los Angeles County (County) Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) has submitted a grant application to the California Natural Resources Agency (State) under the Urban Greening Grant Program to fully fund the Project. The Department anticipates potential one-time and

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ongoing operating costs beginning two years after the completion of the Project, of which the grant will fund maintenance of the trees for the first two years. However, beginning with the third year, the Department will be responsible for maintaining the trees for 18 additional years, for an overall maintenance of at least 20 years. An assessment of the Operating Budget Impact will be reported when this Project returns to the Board of Supervisors (Board) via a Board Letter to establish a project.

The grant application is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because such activities are excluded from the definition of a project by section 21065 of the Public Resources Code and section 15378(b) of the State CEQA Guidelines. The actions are administrative and funding activities of government will not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment. The proposed Project is categorically exempt from CEQA according to sections 15301 (h), 15303(d) and 15304 (b) of the State CEQA Guidelines and the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the Project involves minor alteration of existing public facilities, construction of small new facilities, and minor alterations to land, and will not involve the removal of healthy, mature, and scenic trees. Based on the proposed Project records, it will comply with all applicable regulations and is not located in a sensitive environment. There are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, damage to scenic highways, listing on hazardous waste sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5, or indications that it may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource that would make the exemption inapplicable. The State requires an adopted resolution from the applicant's governing Board to approve the grant application submission.

I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1. Find the proposed actions apply and secure grant funding are not projects under the California Environmental Quality Act, for the reasons stated above and in the records of the Project;
2. Adopt a resolution to accept a competitive grant award from the State of California Natural Resources Agency in the amount of \$560,000 for the Magic Johnson Park Shade Equity Tree Planting Project under the Urban Greening

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Grant Program; and

3. Delegate authority to the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation or her designee, as agent of the County of Los Angeles, to accept the grants, conduct all negotiations, and execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to, applications, contracts, agreements, deed restrictions, amendments, and payment requests, which may be necessary to apply for, and secure, grant funding.

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RESOLUTION No. 79137

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR
CALIFORNIA CLIMATE INVESTMENTS URBAN GREENING PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Legislature and Governor of the State of California have provided funds for the program shown above; and

WHEREAS, the California Natural Resources Agency has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of this grant program, establishing necessary procedures; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the California Natural Resources Agency require a resolution certifying the approval of application(s) by the Applicants governing board before submission of said application(s) to the State; and

WHEREAS, the applicant, if selected, will enter into an agreement with the State of California to carry out the Project

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles:

1. Approves the filing of an application for the Magic Johnson Park Shade Johnson Park Shade Equity Tree Planting Project;
2. Certifies that applicant understands the assurances and certification in the application, and
3. Certifies that applicant or title holder will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project consistent with the land tenure requirements; or will secure the resources to do so, and
4. Certifies that it will comply with the provisions of Section 1771.5 of the State Labor Code, and
5. If applicable, certifies that the project will comply with any laws and regulations including, but not limited to, legal requirements for building codes, health and safety codes, disabled access laws, environmental laws and, that prior to commencement of construction, all applicable permits will have been obtained, and
6. Certifies that applicant will work towards the Governor's State Planning Priorities intended to promote equity, strengthen the economy, protect the environment,

and promote public health and safety as included in Government Code Section 65041.1, and

7. Appoints the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, or her designee (Chief Deputy Director; Administrative Deputy Director; Deputy Director, Planning and Development), as agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to applications, agreements, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project(s).

The foregoing resolution was passed and adopted at a regular meeting on the 9th day of February 2021, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies, and authorities for which said Board so acts.



CELIA ZAVALA
Executive Officer-
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles

By LaChelle Smithman
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

RODRIGO A. CASTRO-SILVA
County Counsel

By Rory LoAllen
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Deputy County Counsel

ATTEST:

Ayes: Supervisors Mitchell, Kuehl, Barger and Solis

Noes: NONE

Absent: Supervisor Hahn